

Abstract

An object of the invention is to be capable of preventing a knitting yarn from being loosened even if a position of a carrier supplying the knitting yarn at a knitting end. A carriage (4) which completes one course of knitting to the knitting end of a knitting fabric (2) is stopped as shown by a solid line. Knitting in a next course is performed when the carriage (4) reverses its moving direction and re-starts its movement. As shown by chain-double dashed lines, since the knitting yarn (7) is not knitted to the knitting fabric (2) until a carrier (5) brought by the carriage (4) reaches a position of a knitting needle holding the stitch of the knitting fabric (2) at the knitting end, the knitting yarn (7) existing in a feeding path between a yarn feeding mechanism (8) and the carrier (5) is excessively increased and a slack is generated. Since a distance between a yarn feeding port (6) formed at a frontal end of the carrier (5) and the knitting needle at the knitting end of the knitting fabric (2) is also reduced, the knitting yarn (7) is further increased excessively. The further excessively increased knitting yarn (7) is taken in by a yarn feeding means (16) by reversing a servomotor (22), and further pulled in by a rewinding arm (17) to absorb the slack.